GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CASTE VIOLENCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been instances of caste violence/atrocities against those belonging to Scheduled Castes in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of complaints received and registered during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total number of 29825, 33367 and 33426 cases under different heads of atrocities against Scheduled Castes were reported in the country during 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively. The State/UT-wise details of the cases registered, cases charge sheeted, persons arrested and persons convicted during 2007-2009 are at Annexure-I.

(c): As per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India "Police" and "Public Order" are State Subjects and, as such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, including crime against SCs and STs, lies with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Government of India is committed to prevent and combat crimes against vulnerable sections of the society, including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SCs and STs).

A comprehensive Advisory was issued to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations on 01.04.2010 by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The advisory has enumerated various steps, viz; vigorous and conscientious enforcement of the statutory provisions and the existing legislations; sensitizing the law enforcement machinery towards crimes against SCs/STs by way of well-structured training programmes, conferences and seminars etc.; no delay in the registration of FIR in cases of Crimes against SCs/STs; etc.

SC/ST Protection Cells have also been set up in many of the States. Special Courts have been established in major States for speedy trial of cases, Special Police Stations for registration of complaints regarding offences against SCs and STs have also been set up